10. The requests received from Government/Semi-Government/Autonomous Bodies for establishment of Dish Antenna Systems to receive TV signals from foreign Satellites for the benefit of foreign experts employed in these organisations may continue to be considered on case to case basis in consultation with the Ministeries of External Affairs, Home Affairs and Information and Broadcasting.

Banning of Caste and religious organisations

286. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps to ban the organisations or associations in the name of caste or religion whose activities promote hatred and enmity among various castes and religions;

(b) whether the Government also propose to have such organisations from acquiring properties;

(c) what are the steps taken to prevent preaching of casteism and religious fundamentalism resulting in caste and religious riots; and

(d) whether it is a fact that huge meals are organised in the name of caste and religious conferences and if so, what action is taken to prevent such conferences from indulging in promoting caste or religious hatred in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) India is a secular state. The Constitution provides for freedom of religious activities and fundamental rights to form associations and organisations. So far no definition in regard to such associations/organisations has been evolved. However, if anything tends to disturb public order, morality, sovereignty and integrity of the country, the existing law is sufficient to meet the purpose. To promote communal harmony, various measures have been taken by the Central Government which includes guidelines on promotion of communal harmony. Further the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988 effiectively isolates religious places from exploitation of communal and political purposes.

Implementation of 20-Point Economic Programme by States

287. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the performance of various States in the implementation of 20 point economic programme; and

(b) what are the State-wise and year-wise details for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) Not all the Twenty Points of 20-Point Programme are amenable to physical targetting, some being qualitative in nature. Monthly monitoring done in relation to physical targets fixed for items is mentioned in the Annexure. The Annexure contains State-wise and Year-wise details for the last three years. [*See* Appendix CLVII, Annexure No. 11]

Pension to Freedom Fighters

288. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many freedom fighters have been sanctioned pension by Government;

(b) how many applications are still pending for sanction of pension; and

(c) if so, whether there is any cut off date to finalise them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND